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Good morning

Sorry I missed the meeting on Monday, but from listening in it appeared to go well. I spoke with Alec Hansen yesterday about the Leagues position on the Numeric Standards and where he sees the League's position. Alec was very positive that a lot of misconceptions were cleared up by George. At this point he has asked Amanda and I to continue working with both of you to finalize the remaining clarifications. He believes we are very close to having a process that the League can support going to Rules. It would be helpful if we can have examples of the process for permitting and variance, but Alec and I both agree until we actually approve the Rules we cannot know how everything will work. We do request that a continued dialog be maintained to help work out concerns after the Standards are implemented. At some point we need to trust each other. On the issue of non-deg., the League does not believe this issue is relevant to the League and we do not support slowing down or stopping the process for it. Alec is concerned with bringing the issue up at this time. If you have not been contacted yet, Alec's office will be contacting you to be on a panel at the MLCT Conference in Kalispell on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. From my discussion with Alec, it is my understanding he is hoping we will be at point the 4 of us can discuss with MLCT members where we are and why the Standards should be supported. Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to meeting again and hopefully working out the process.

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